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INQUIRY INTO DENTAL SERVICES IN NSW

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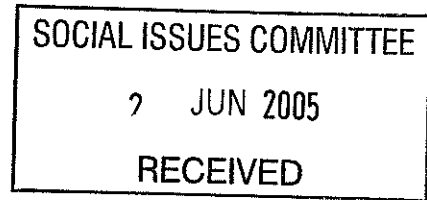
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The Inquiry into Dental Services
The Standing Com on Social Issues
Legislative Council
Parliament House
Macquarie St
SYDNEY NSW 2000



Dear Sir / Madam,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this issue.

I still remember in high school my surprise when I realised that dental services were not included in the usual Medicare system like all other basic health needs. Over the last 20 years I have seen how this has affected people I have had contact with - for example, people with mental health problems living on the Dis Supt Pension, older people in residential care who have very little disposable income, younger people with families who do not take their children (or themselves) to the dentist yearly as I had the advantage of when I was a child.

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I also remember as a young adult working part-time when I was a student having to save up to get my wisdom teeth out. In the meantime I went on antibiotics numerous times ~~to~~ to treat chronic minor infections.

Recently I've read in the papers about the long wait that people have for the existing public ~~health~~ dental services.

Surely all this results in poor health outcomes and added costs at later stages eg poor nutrition, chronic pain, loss of teeth.

Please do all you can to help this situation - dental health is an important part of overall health.

Yours sincerely,

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